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For the year 1943

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Medical Officer of Health



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Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report, which as you will observe is on similar lines as the ones for the last two years.

To Mr.Bintcliffe, who is acting for Mr.Jones, the Sanitary Inspector, I wish to tender my warmest thanks for assistance during the year. To Mr.Jones, who is still in the Forces, I am sure you will join with me in wishing him good luck and a speedy return.

And finally to you, my appreciation for your courtesy and help given to me during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

A. McM. W. SEGERDAL.

Chairman	Mr. T. R. Walker, J.P.
Clerk of the Council	Mr. H. W. Beresford.
Medical Officer of Health	A. McM. W. Segerdal, M
Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector	Mr. H. Bintcliffe,
Gas & Water Engineer	Mr. J. E. Matlock.

SECTION A

1. VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population (England & Wales)	19.0 16.5
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (England & Wales)	.91 .54
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births	45
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	13.8
(England and Wales)	12.4

Deaths from Puerperal Causes - 0 per 1,000 Births

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births	86.5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	49
Illegitimate infants do illegitimate live births	78.4
	500

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SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE FOR THE AREA

(ii) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Carried out by the County Council, 8, St. Martin's,
Leicester.

The examinations performed in the County Council
Laboratories on behalf of the District are as follows:-

Swabs for Diphtheria	75
Sputa for T.B.	31
Milk examination (bacteriological)	13
Sewage and Water Analyses	1
Blood for Wassermann Test	1
Urine (General and Bacteriological)	1

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SECTION C

1. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(i) WATER SUPPLY: The Council being the Water Undertaking, purchase supply in bulk from the Loughborough Corporation.

(ii) DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE: The Outfall Works are maintained in a satisfactory manner. No complaints have been received.

2. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The Council have again continued their grant to property owners to encourage the conversion of pail to water closets. During the year 13 conversions were made making a total of 487 conversions since the subsidy was issued.

Privies ...	...	...	...	...	54
Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	525
W.C.s	...	...	...	...	1341

(ii) SCAVENGING

This is done in a very satisfactory manner by the Sanitary Department.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(iv) SHOPS - No action taken

(v) CAMPING SITES - None in the Urban Area.

(vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT - Informal action only.

(vii) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOL - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

(ix) SCABIES - See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SECTION DHOUSING

Houses which have been condemned and not demolished have had certain repairs and alterations made and are being used by evacuees.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts	101
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose...	119
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1932..	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose...	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	29

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers

29

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

(a) Proceedings under section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs... ...

2

(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

(a) by owners...

2

(b) by local authority in default of owners Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied

29

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-

- (a) By owners 2
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners -

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- (1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil
- (2) No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

- (1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made... Nil
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil

SECTION F

A. Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis

	Number of cases notified	Cases ad- mitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	9	9	-
Whooping Cough	6	-	-
Diphtheria	20	20	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-
Measles	116	-	-
Pneumonia	25	-	6
Total ...	179	29	6

Analysis under Age Groups

	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Measles	Pneumonia
Under 1 yr	1	1	-	-	3	1
1-2	1	-	-	-	10	1
2-3	-	-	1	-	22	-
3-4	-	1	-	-	10	-
4-5	1	3	-	-	27	-
5-10	4	1	8	-	43	5
10-15	2	-	4	-	1	-
15-20	-	-	2	-	-	-
20-35	-	-	4	-	-	-
35-45	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-65	-	-	-	2	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	5
Total	9	6	20	3	116	25

Estimated percentage of child population who have received complete course of immunisation:-

Under 5 years	60%
5 to 15 years	88%

Of the 20 cases of Diphtheria, only 5 had completed the full course of immunisation.

4. TUBERCULOSIS

AGE GROUP	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11-15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
20-25	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
25-35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	4	1	1	3	-	-	-

Statement of Particulars

Appearing in the Register of Notifications
of cases of Tuberculosis for the year 1943

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
No. of cases on the Register at commencement of Year	15	13	28	8	12	20	48
No. of cases notified during the year	5	4	9	1	1	2	11
No. of cases restored to the Register	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases added other than by formal notification ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases removed from Register during year ...	4	1	5	-	1	1	6
No. of cases remaining on Register at end of year ..	16	16	32	9	12	21	53

INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Premises	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories	7	...	...
Workshops	12	...	...
Workplaces	12	...	...
Total	31	...	...

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

1. WATER:

Number of samples taken for analysis from pipe supply ...	NIL
Result of analysis of samples	-
Number of samples taken for analysis from wells	1
Result of analysis of samples	Unsatisfactory
Number of wells closed	1
Number of cases in which public supply was substituted for well supply	1

No shortage occurred in the public supply and the supply was satisfactory in quality and quantity.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE:

Number of cesspools constructed during the year ...	...	0
Number of cesspools abolished during the year ...	...	0
Number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1943 ...	90	

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION:

Total number in district at end of 1943:-

(1) Privies	54
(2) Pail Closets	525
(3) W.Cs.	1341

Pail Closets converted to W.Cs. ... 13

4. SCAVENGING:

Household refuse is collected in covered motor lorry and taken to tips situate away from dwelling houses.

Pail closets are emptied at night, weekly, in tumbler carts and taken on to agricultural land. The only privies in the district are situated in farms and cottages outside the scavenging area. Cess pools are emptied by the owners.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA:

Total number of complaints received	8
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered ...	43

	Inspections	Revisits
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	101	12
Tents, Vans, etc.	1	2
Slaughter Houses	6	85
Food Premises	4	16
Dairies and Cowsheds	25	79
Offensive Trades	NIL	NIL
Animal Keeping	6	12
Workshops, etc.	-	31
Shops	-	8
Food Control Inspections	-	69
TOTAL	143	314

NOTICES

PRELIMINARY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st January	Nil	Nil
Issued during year	39	-
Complied with during year	36	-
Statutory action necessary	2	2
Outstanding 31st December	Nil	Nil

STATUTORY	HOUSING	OTHER
Outstanding on 1st January	None	None
Issued during year	2	2
Complied with during year	2	2
Outstanding 31st December	Nil	Nil

SUMMARY ACTION

No. of Summons Issued	No. of Convictions obtained
1	1

(7) SHOPS:

	Outstanding from previous year	Defects found	Defects Remedied	Outstanding 31st Dec.
Sanitary Conveniences	Nil	One	One	Nil
Temperature	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ventilation	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(8) CAMPING SITES:

One caravan was in district, was dirty, no sanitary accommodation, water supply or receptacles for household refuse. Had it removed from the district.

(9) REGULATED BUILDINGS:

	No. in District	No. on Inspections	Action Taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	None	-	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds.	None	-	-	-
Canal Boats	None	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	None	-	-	-

(10) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:

Number of dwellings found infested ... Nine
 Number of dwellings disinfested ... Nine

Method employed for disinfection - Sprayed with insecticide.

Carried out by Local Authority Nine
 Carried out by Contractor Nil

Insecticides used ... Zaldicide and Lawvercide.

(11) SCHOOLS:

Number of schools disinfested ... Nil
 Number of schools disinfected ... 4

(12) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No. in area:-

(a) Publicly owned ... One. (b) Privately owned ... None

Number of inspections:- Four.

(13) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD:

(a) MILK SUPPLY

COWKEEPERS

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
26	79	-	2	2	-

DAIRYMEN OR PURVEYORS OF MILK (other than Cowkeepers)

No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
4	6	-	-	-	-

TOTAL CONTRAVENTIONS:

		Outstanding from previous year	Found during year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st December
Cleansing		-	4	4	-
Structural Alterations		-	4	4	-

MILK SAMPLINGS:

Class	Total no. of samples taken for bacteriological examination	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory
		Four	Five
Ordinary	Nine		

Subsequent samples have been taken which were satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of regional slaughter houses in area ...	...	...	None
Number of animals slaughtered in area ...	...	...	None
Number of animals examined in area ...	...	...	None
Number of animals slaughtered elsewhere ...	...	...	161
Number of animals examined elsewhere ...	...	...	114
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter ...	...	...	114

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total weight in lbs.
Number killed if known	-	-	-	-	161	Not known
Number inspected	-	-	-	-	114	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	Two	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	1.75	-

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Meat Stores, Meat Shops, etc.	85
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale	4

H. BINTCLIFFE,

Sanitary Inspector.

